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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 22nd, 26th, 28th, 29th and 59th meetings, on 5, 10, 12 and 14 November 1997 and 27 March 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.22, 26, 28, 29 and 59).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (A/51/801);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996 (A/51/432);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/530 and Corr.1);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (A/52/426);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal oversight Services (A/52/464).

II. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. At its 59th meeting, on 27 March, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of agenda item 143, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", to the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.